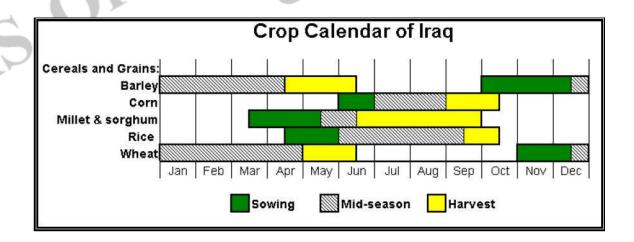
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February Report - Week 3

February 19th, 2009

- 1. The current outlook for winter grain production (wheat and barley) in MY 2009/10 in Iraq is potentially only minimally improved over last years crop, which was severely reduced owing to extreme drought conditions. Less than adequate rainfall and/or irrigation supply during the current winter season has resulted in similarly poor or worse vegetative crop conditions than last year over large regional areas. The poor crop establishment and vigor of the 2009/10 grain crop is expected to result in well below-normal grain production.
- 2. Cumulative rainfall over the last week was negligible except for slight accumulation in As Sulaymaniyah, estimated between 10mm and 25mm (Figure 1). The precipitation forecast also calls for an additional 10mm to 25mm over the next week, but nearly 40mm to 60mm of accumulated rainfall is needed to achieve normal conditions (Figure 2). Rainfall accumulations over the next few months will be critical in determining the final outlook for crop yields in Iraq, and there is still time for significant crop recovery. However, a continuation of the current dry weather pattern will impede any improvement in grain production prospects compared to last year.



^{*}Remote sensing imagery and analysis products are not available for the 3rd week of February. Crop progress will be updated next reporting period.

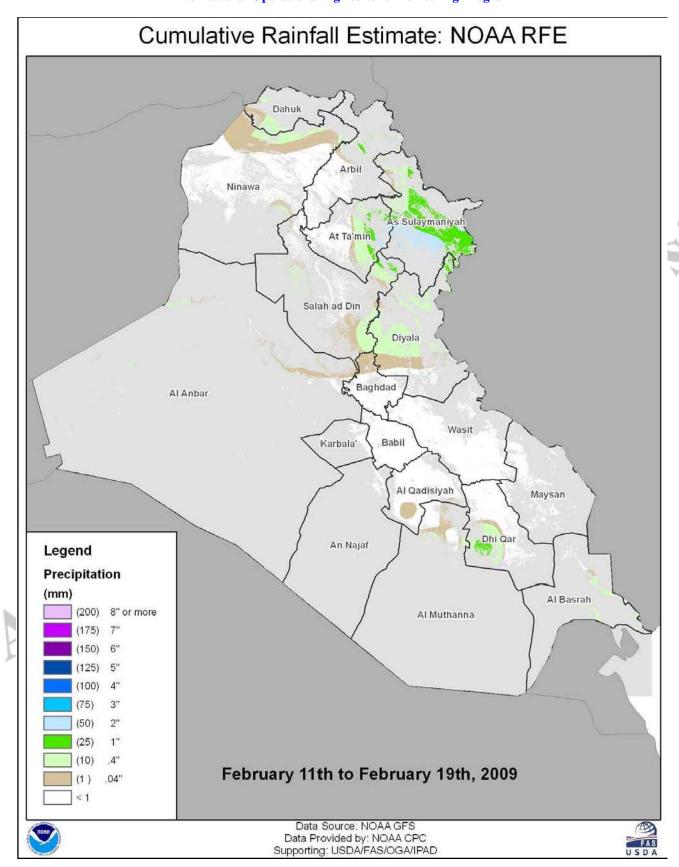


Figure 1: Cumulative rainfall estimate from February 11th to February 19th, 2009.

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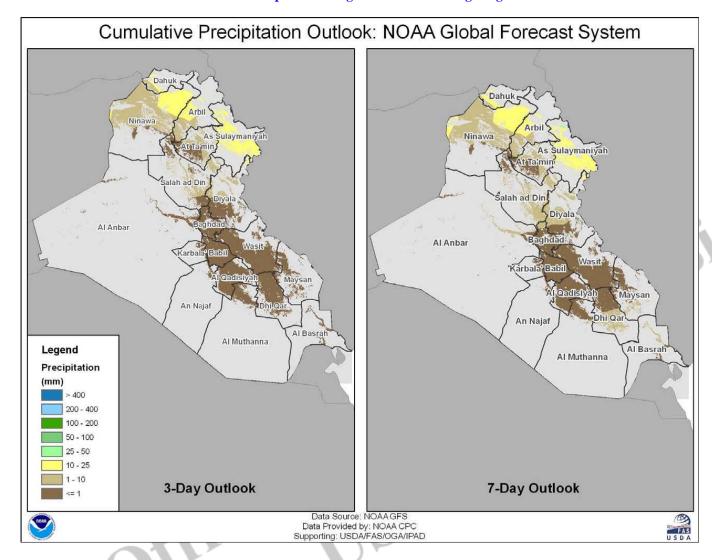
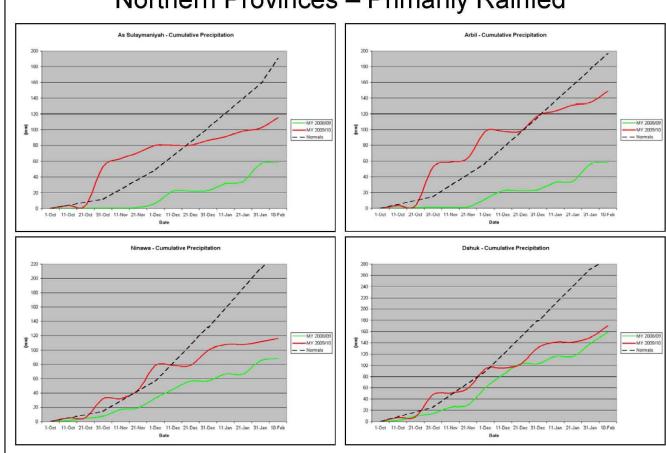
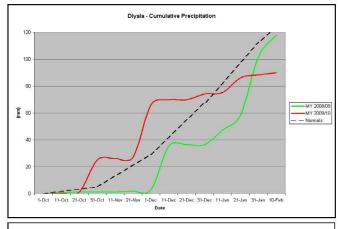


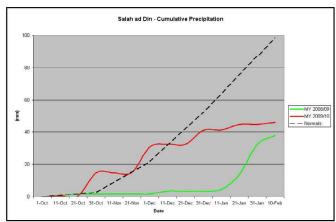
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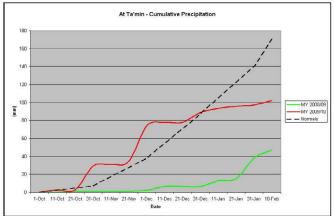
Northern Provinces – Primarily Rainfed



Northern Provinces - Mixed Irrigated & Rainfed



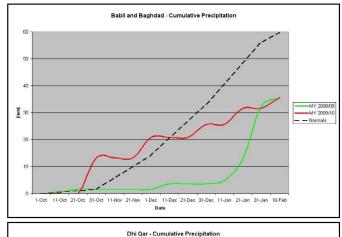


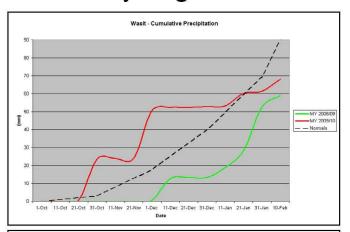


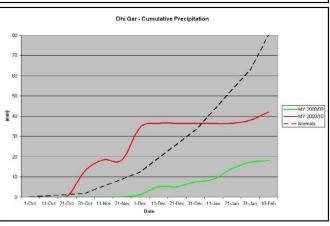
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*At Ta'min, Salah ad Din, and Diyala provinces are characterized by mixed rainfed and irrigated cropland

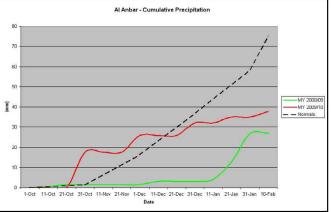
Southern Provinces - Primarily Irrigated







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